

House Bill 1345 - Recreational Fishing Licenses

Nationwide Average State Recreational License	Current Maryland Recreational License	House Bill 1345 - effective Jan. 1, 2011	Proposed Change Explanation
N/A	Consolidated Senior Sport Fishing License \$5.00	Consolidated Senior Sport Fishing License \$5.00 (includes coast)	Enables Md. seniors to fish on the coast without registering and paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Md. seniors who previously fished on the coast for free will now need to get the license.
Saltwater Resident Licenses \$16.73	Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License (Resident) \$15.00	Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License (Resident) \$15.00	Enables Md. residents to fish on the coast without registering and paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Md. residents who previously only fished on the coast for free will now need to get the license.
**7 Day Non-Resident \$27.14 **5 Day Resident \$14.20	5 day Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License (Resident) \$6.00	7 day Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License (Resident) \$6.00	Extends License by 2 days for consistency & to accommodate week-long vacation fishing trip. Enables Md. residents to fish on the coast without registering and paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Md. residents who previously only fished on the coast for free will now need to get the license.
Saltwater Non-Resident Licenses \$34.09	Non-Resident Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License \$15.00	Non-resident Chesapeake & Coastal Bay Sport Fishing License \$22.50*	Enables Md. visitors to fish on the coast without registering and paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Md. visitors who previously only fished on the coast for free will now need to get the license. Increases fee by \$7.50 and adds reciprocity.
**7 Day Non-Resident \$27.14 **5 Day Non-Resident \$24.39	--	7 day non-resident Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License \$12*	Extends License by 2 days for consistency & to accommodate week-long vacation fishing trip. Creates short-term coastal license for non-residents who wish to fish in the Chesapeake Bay or on the coast. Enables Md. visitors to fish on the coast without registering and paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Visitors who previously only fished on the coast for free will now need to get the license. Increases the Bay cost for nonresidents by \$6.
N/A	Pleasure Boat Decal \$50.00	Pleasure Boat Decal \$50.00 (includes coast)	Enables Md. boat owners to fish on the coast without registering and paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Md. boat owners & their passengers who previously only fished on the coast for free will now need to get the license.
N/A	--	Boat Decal Passengers Free Registration	Enables passengers of a boat with a Pleasure Boat Decal to fish on the coast without paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Md. boat passengers will now need to complete a free registration.
N/A	--	Free Fishing Area Free Registration	Enables individuals to fish in a Free Fishing Area without paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Will now need to complete a free registration.
N/A	--	Waterfront Property Free Registration	Enables waterfront property residents to fish from their property without paying a \$20 to \$30 federal fee. Individuals who previously only fished from their property will now need to complete a free registration.
N/A	--	Commercial Fishing Pier License \$290.00	Enables a commercial fishing pier to have unlicensed and unregistered individuals fish from the pier. Requires the pier owner to maintain a log of all individuals, including contact information, fishing from the pier each day.

Highlighted Text reflects proposed changes to existing license requirements via House Bill 1345.

* reflects proposed amendments to House Bill 1345

**includes all 5 or 7 day license types for residents or non-residents (both tidal and nontidal)